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Via Electronic Submission

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing
Aid-Compatible Telephones -- WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter serves as notification that on July 1, 2003, Sprint Corporation, through its representatives, Vonya McCann, Senior Vice President, Federal External Affairs, and Scott Freiermuth, PCS Regulatory Attorney, met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and his Legal Advisor, Sam Feder.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Sprint Corporation's position in the above referenced docket. The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

- The important role that customer education must play in addressing hearing aid use with digital wireless handsets.
- The need to determine an appropriate wireless magnetic coupling or T-coil standard.
- The need to re-evaluate ANSI C63.19 to determine its validity as a predictor of end user experience and to investigate other improvements to the standard.
- Sprint's support of the ATIS Incubator and the important role the Incubator could play in addressing the ANSI standard and more generally magnetic coupling, hearing aid immunity, and interference mitigation. Sprint stressed the need for Commission support of the Incubator and the need for Commission latitude both in terms of time and scope in order for the Incubator to succeed.
- The need to ensure proportionality of a potential Order to the size of the hearing aid issue. Specifically, Sprint discussed that regulation requiring all digital wireless phones to be T-coil/magnetic coupling capable

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and to achieve interference mitigation would be disproportionate.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please associate this letter with the file in the above referenced matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Scott Freiermuth

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cc: Commissioner Kevin Martin
Sam Feder